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1. [redacted] the former German sailing training ship "Horst Wessel", flying the Polish Navy ensign, was anchored before Nexoe (Bornholm) together with a former German yacht schooner, presumably the "Edith" which was raised in Stralsund and which formerly belonged to the Hanscatic yachting school at Neustadt/Holstein, and a German KFK which had been transformed into a yacht schooner. All three of these Polish Naval vessels were visibly in poor condition, had bad, cheap paint and were badly neglected. Pressure buoys (Drangbommen) and boxes were seen lying around on deck. The ships were manned for the most part by ethnic Germans from Upper Silesia who wore shabby uniforms and made a poor military impression.
2. The ports of Stolpmuende, Ruegenwaldermuende and Leba have been badly neglected and are rapidly sanding up since all dredging work has been discontinued.
3. Only large luggers are being built at the Neptunwerft in Rostock, one third of these being destined for the account of the Soviets. Upon completion, the vessels are taken over by Soviet naval personnel. A motor lighter of 3,000 GRT is lying in Warnemuende which is of a type similar to the net-layers VI and VIII which were built in Finland.
4. The Reiher-Werder harbor in Stettin has been rebuilt by the Poles with modern equipment as a coal export harbor. Members of the Polish State Shipyard here appear to be openly hostile to the Soviets.

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